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REMARKS

Claims 3-5, 7-8, 10 and 13 were amended to correct multiple dependency. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE"

Claims 3-5, 7-8, 10 and 13 have been amended as follows:

3.(Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 or 2~~claim 1 wherein the fat-soluble compounds attach to the metallic iron ore particles via means of adsorption or absorption.

4.(Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1 wherein the wash solution is contacted with the crystalline-metallic-ore-fat-soluble-compound complex by applying the wash solution to the fluidised bed of crystalline metallic ore particles substantially near the bottom of the fluidised bed and at a rate sufficient to maintain the bed in a fluidised state and the resultant wash solution containing the fat-soluble compound is collected from near the top of, or above, the fluidised bed of crystalline metallic ore particles.

5.(Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~claim 1 further including the step of collecting the crystalline-metallic-ore-fat-soluble-compound complex prior to providing a wash solution and contacting the wash solution with the crystalline-metallic-ore-fat-soluble-compound complex.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 5 to 6~~ claim 5 wherein the crystalline-metallic-ore-fat-soluble-compound complex is dried and stored for a period prior to being contacted with the wash solution.

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ 1 wherein the fat-soluble compound is present in the aqueous solution within a number of cells and the aqueous solution is a culture media.

10. (Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 wherein the fat-soluble compound is a natural pigment.

13. (Amended) A substantially pure fat-soluble compound obtained using the method of ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~. claim 1.